

A. STUDY GROUPS

At its meeting in Cleveland in 1950, the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches instructed the Council for Social Action to formulate a statement covering the Christian basis for Social Action. No comprehensive statement on this topic has been adopted by the General Council since 1925. The CSA has called together a special Commission on the Christian basis for Social Action composed of thirty persons from diverse vocations, including Dr. Hugh Vernon White and Dr. Vere V. Loper, to prepare a draft statement.

This statement in the near future will be submitted to the churches of the denomination for further study and suggestion. The Commission will meet again prior to the sessions of the General Council in 1952 and will take into account the comments of the churches in preparing a final draft for presentation to the General Council.

In order to assist the churches in this area with this study, Rev. Francis V. McPeck of the staff of the Council for Social Action will be here to lead district conference meetings presenting the draft statement and a study guide and launch a discussion which might continue for a series of three to five sessions under local leadership. The Conference Committee on Social Action, headed by Mr. Arthur D. Pritchard, Jr., has arranged for the study meetings to be held as follows:

December 7—First Congregational Church, San Jose.

December 9—Eden Congregational Church, Hayward.

December 10—First Congregational Church, Martinez.

December 11—Pioneer Memorial Church, Sacramento.

December 12—First Congregational Church, Tulare.

All churches in these vicinities are invited to see that their ministers, members of Social Action Committees, and other lay people attend and participate in this important enterprise.

Thanks, Maj. Watson

The new kitchen and dining hall at Cazadero has received a real impetus through the generous gift of a large amount of kitchen equipment from Mr. A. J. Watson, of our San Mateo Church. Included in the gift are a Hobart dishwasher, a large food mixer and chopper, a meat slicer, several fans, a stainless steel sink, two baking ovens, and numerous cooking utensils. The thanks of the whole Conference is due Mr. Watson for this valuable contribution to our camp at Cazadero.

LEST WE FORGET

The 96th annual meeting of our Conference is to be held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland. It will again be a week-end Conference in order to make it possible for laymen to attend in large numbers. The dates will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 23, 24, and 25. The date and place were fixed by the Board of Directors at the September meeting. The invitation by the First Congregational Church and its minister is deeply appreciated. We look forward to a time of great inspiration.

SAN JOSE GETS FACE LIFTING



Fraternity Men Lend a Hand

"Hell Week" or "Help Week." Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose seized upon an article in the *Reader's Digest* telling how college fraternities sometimes substituted a project of community betterment for the tradition of "raising Cain." The rear side of the San Jose church has needed a coat of paint for years. Mr. Peabody put the two ideas together, and the result is indicated on the accompanying photograph. A paint store and a scaffolding company cooperated, as did the dean of men of the San Jose State College. Two master painters did the supervising. Thirty-five boys from the fraternities at the college have given work for two Saturdays and possibly will a third. The church ladies served luncheon the first Saturday and sorority girls the second. The city fire department washed the church free of charge. It has been a wonderful demonstration of cooperation, and the publicity has resulted in everybody in town talking about it.

Orinda Dedicates Lovely Sanctuary



Interior of the new chapel of the Orinda church. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, is in the pulpit. The dossal cloth is a lovely red with ancient Portuguese design. In addition to the chapel, several Sunday School classrooms of substantial size are provided, each named for a missionary. On the lower floor are rooms as yet unfinished but usable for church school and social purposes. The original building had all partitions taken out and is refinished into a lovely social hall, with the most complete kitchen equipment in our Conference. There is, in addition, a building with two large church school department rooms and the County library. There remains to be built at a future date a large sanctuary. The Orinda church, in just a few years from the time it was received into our fellowship, has become one of our stronger churches.

FRUIT FOR NEEDY

Fruit picked and processed on the Evans Hughes ranch, near Modesto, this summer by our young people was shipped to Japan this month, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. The shipment included a ton of nectarines, two tons of peaches, and a ton of raisins, the last of which were donated to the project. The fruit will be distributed through orphanages and schools in Japan. Already, plans for next year's Fruit Project are in preparation under the able direction of Jacqueline Pfeiffer of Reno and her Christian Youth Fruit Project Committee.

Amen and Amen!

Call me "Parson" if you will,
Call me "Padre" better still;
Though plain "Mister" fills the bill,
If that title lacketh thrill,
Even "Father" brings no chill
Of heart, or rancor, or ill-will.
If D. D. the name append,
"Doctor" doth some fitness lend.
"Pastor," "Rector," "Vicar," "Friend,"
Titles almost without end
Never grate and ne'er offend.
But how that man my heart doth rend
Who blithely calls me "Reverend."

—C. W. Kirkpatrick in the
Ripon "Tidings"

LIFE COMMITMENT

Thirty-five young people coming from churches as far distant as Eureka gathered on the campus of the Pacific School of Religion on October 20 for a conference on Christian Vocations. The majority of those present had made their commitments to Christian service at this year's State PF Camp. The program included addresses on "The Meaning of Christian Vocation" by Dr. Robert Fitch, Professor of Christian Ethics, and host to the conference, and on "The Business of a Seminary" by Dr. J. Herbert Ottwell, Professor of Biblical Literature. Bonnie Meroff, Dwight Harwell, and Edward Wulfkuehler, students at PSR, presented their "Call to Christian Service."

Following lunch in the beautiful new D'Autremont Dining Hall and a tour of the Palestine Institute Museum, the delegates heard a panel of speakers on "What Are the Opportunities for Christian Service?" Included on the panel were Rev. Robert Carlson of Hillcrest, the Ministry; Mrs. Emil Sekerak, of Hayward Eden, Teaching; Mrs. Hewitt Kendall, of Piedmont, Youth Work; Dr. Leela Craig, of North Church, Berkeley, Medicine; and Rev. David Stowe, of First Church, Berkeley, Missions. The conference concluded with a new "Call to Commitment" by Dr. Ralph Hyslop, Professor of Church History at PSR.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Social Action Institutes:

December 7—First Church, San Jose.
December 9—Eden Church, Hayward.
December 10—First Church, Martinez.
December 11—Pioneer Church, Sacramento.
December 12—First Church, Tulare.

December 27-29—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, College of the Pacific, Stockton.

January 24—Annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

February 19-20-21—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

April 13—Easter.

May 23-24-25—Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Oakland.

June 17-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches at Claremont.

RELIEF FOR KOREA

It is now definitely established that relief supplies can go through Church World Service to Korea. The agent at Pusan, Korea, is Dr. Henry Appenzeller. The need in Korea is very great. There will be a campaign this fall through American Relief for Korea which should have our encouragement, but the materials will be distributed by governmental agents. Churches and church people should send clothing or bedding to CWS at either 10901 Russet Street, Oakland, or 417 Market Street, San Francisco, and should mark packages clearly "For Korea." When the clothing is received, there will be a statement of the amount of money requested at 10 cents per pound for transportation. This money should not be sent to the receiving centers, but to Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

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REV. STANLEY MARPLE

Rev. Stanley Marple passed away from a heart attack while vacationing at the home of a son in Raton, New Mexico, on October 11. He had been chaplain at the Preston School of Industry at Ione since 1949. He was born February 17, 1894, at Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey. He studied at Mt. Hermon Academy, Gordon College, and Boston University, holding a Master of Arts degree, also Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity, and Doctor of Sacred Theology. He was married to Lilly Gardner on September 23, 1916. Five children were born to this union, four of whom, together with Mrs. Marple, survive him.

He was ordained in 1923 and was pastor for 20 years at the First Church of Weymouth, Massachusetts. He was chaplain in the U. S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and then was pastor at Antioch for three years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Herbert Dimock in the Antioch Church on October 18. Burial was at the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno. Mr. Marple will be remembered as a man of unassuming but Christian spirit, a faithful and able minister, and an understanding friend of youth.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Following are the names of officers of the Associations which were elected at the meetings in October. The Bay Association elects in January, and German Conference in May.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Stockton; Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick, Ripon; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Stockton.

REDWOOD EMPIRE ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Mr. Charles G. Thompson, Santa Rosa; Vice-Moderator, Rev. H. J. Loken, Glen Ellen; Registrar, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Petaluma.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Mrs. Eleanor Heath, Sacramento; Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. F. Dunstan, Paradise; Registrar, Rev. Charles M. Spencer, Oroville.

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Rev. Harold F. Cram, Tulare; Registrar, Rev. Norio Ozaki.

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Mr. W. Phil Herriott, San Mateo; Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. H. Hudson, Palo Alto; Registrar, Dr. Wm. Hawley Davis, Palo Alto.

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Mr. Bruce Copeland, Concord; Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. T. Gustafson, Benicia; Registrar, Rev. Robert L. Carlson, Concord.

THE WALTERS TO RETURN

Chaplain and Mrs. L. Verdette Walters will soon be returning from several years in Germany to the United States and will be located at Fort Ord. Announcement has come of a new little daughter, born October 6, named Carolyn Gay. She is the newest member of the family, with an older brother and a still older sister.

BETTER, CHECK UP!

It looks better! Quite a little better than a month ago. How about your church? You check up? A very few churches still have made no remittance. Some of them have been somewhat delayed. Two months remain to the close of the apportionment year. Altogether now for the final pull in 1951!

	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, '50	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, '51
Alameda	\$ 909.98	\$ 880.66
Alturas	183.81	154.64
Angels Camp	68.41	135.00
Antioch	276.95	268.29
Auburn	150.00	250.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	615.05	703.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	8,158.66	9,800.96
North	1,086.30	1,283.26
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	660.44	817.22
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	711.40	1,009.72
Cedarville	32.10	48.70
Cloverdale	89.45	
Cotati	70.01	118.00
Crockett	110.70	123.72
Dinuba	1.00	3.75
Engleview	13.38	74.03
El Cerrito		25.00
Elk Grove	67.14	240.11
Etna	62.85	172.79
Eureka	1,051.84	1,103.45
Fairfax	265.80	245.05
Ferndale	393.18	200.42
Fresno, First	2,518.09	2,964.59
Free Cross	323.84	47.50
Japanese	61.25	250.00
Pilgrim Arm.		69.60
Zion	10.00	60.75
Glen Ellen	99.50	144.25
Guerneville	271.09	1,029.85
Hayward	1,847.38	27.17
Kenwood	56.57	91.09
La Selva Beach		
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	2,425.59
First	2,124.28	27.95
Loleta	24.82	31.75
Loomis		1,719.52
Martinez	1,736.32	75.69
Moderato	102.60	
Murphys	5.00	
Niles	24.30	13.57
Oakland, First	4,491.27	5,485.60
Fruitvale		35.00
Japanese		12.00
New Pilgrim	398.81	473.86
Plymouth	1,728.87	1,889.18
Orinda	889.82	919.12
Oroville	250.00	512.42
Pacific Grove	75.84	
Palo Alto	3,525.50	4,059.65
Paradise	585.60	660.00
Parlier	15.00	
Penngrove	175.26	5.95
Pescadero	26.45	
Petaluma	1,100.00	1,004.59
Pittsburg	329.42	348.76
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest		297.35
Port Chicago	5.00	30.69
Porterville	2,100.00	2,310.00
Redwood City	674.94	1,429.94
Rio Vista	50.00	100.00
Ripon	257.66	375.50
Sacramento, First	2,471.25	2,889.00
Sierra Arden	137.25	275.00
Salida	31.25	38.74
San Carlos	1,150.00	1,660.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss Park	182.15	221.00
Calvary Arm.		50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	1,758.24	1,994.53
Park Presidio	744.52	624.75
Pilgrim	100.00	161.53
St. John's		113.18
Sanger	54.36	72.32
San Jose	1,726.67	1,219.99
San Leandro	121.83	149.47
San Lorenzo	17.69	
San Mateo	3,600.00	3,921.31
San Rafael	157.15	240.04
Santa Cruz	1,509.41	1,093.58
Santa Rosa	270.44	207.58
Saratoga	665.27	656.19
Sebastopol	501.83	279.99
Sonoma	190.67	267.57
Soquel	178.86	168.79
Stockton	1,225.37	1,377.42
Suisun	90.00	92.10
Sunnyside	106.15	56.85
Sunol	138.79	225.21
Tulife	1,108.00	1,080.00
Weaverville	100.00	167.00
Woodside	143.85	211.76
Reno, Nevada	754.61	564.36
Miscellaneous	225.00	285.65
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,131.96	2,809.66
	\$62,875.65	\$70,487.02

TULARE—The new recreation area is in use, with a number of games provided and a fire pit for barbecues. The church united with other churches in a great union Reformation Sundav service. Rev. Harold F. Cram is pastor.

1952 FAMILY CAMPS

Get out your next summer's calendar! Recall those wonderful days and nights at Cazadero last summer! Or, if you have never shared in the thrilling experience of living together in a Christian community, under devoted leadership, with all of God's out-of-doors close about you, then whet your appetites now! For the Family Life Committee has announced the dates for next summer's Family Camps. There will be three such camps this year, on July 12 to 19, August 2 to 9, and August 17 to 23. Ask the boss now for vacation time covering one of these weeks. You will never regret it.

The Family Life Committee has also selected its new officers, with Forrest Watson, of Plymouth Church, Oakland, as chairman, and Roy T. Nichols, of First Church, Oakland, as secretary.

THE LITTLE MISS TERRELL

This is a belated announcement that Miss Joan Terrell made her arrival at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Olan Terrell at Sonoma on September 26. She found waiting for her a brother of 3½ years and a sister of 2 years.

ALAMEDA—Rev. Francis P. Randall has arrived in Alameda and was in the pulpit on November 4. The church has done a thorough job of rearranging and redecorating the parsonage, spending a total of about \$2,500 and putting it in excellent condition. On the first Sunday evening, the choir presented a beautiful musical program in honor of the new pastor. Rev. Gail Cleland's service as interim pastor has been of a high order and greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—One Sunday in the year has been designated Superintendent Sunday. This year it was October 28, with Superintendent Harley H. Gill preaching the sermon. The roof of the building is being repaired, and the outside has received a fine coat of paint. Ten-minute talks are given to each organization within the church on the theme, "Know Your Church." Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay are ministers.

FRESNO, FIRST—Forty-three new members were received on World Communion Sunday, making a total of 1,019 since the coming of Rev. John H. Gregg ten years ago. The church is participating in the support of a young couple who will be working among the migrants under the direction of the Fresno County churches. The first of a series of large stained glass windows has been installed. Other windows will follow.

STOCKTON—Calls were made on all church members and friends who were available on Church Visitation Day. No funds were asked for and none accepted. Pledges for the support of the church were made on Loyalty Sunday a week later. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, observed Reformation Sunday by a sermon on "The Roman Catholic Threat to Free Religion."

BERKELEY, CHINESE—The sanctuary of the church has been painted by volunteer labor. A letter has gone to all Chinese pastors on the west coast extending welcome to students who may be coming to the University. A very successful bazaar and also a carnival have been held recently for the church building fund. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—A recognition service is being arranged for Rev. Richard R. Diede on the evening of November 16.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—The choir of this church took part in a service of music on October 14 which was very well received. The monthly family prayer meeting and housewarming party were jointly held at the new residence of Rev. and Mrs. B. Y. Leong on November 4. A good crowd was present to participate in the short service and to enjoy the delicious food.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—Mr. Curt Schumacher, of the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions, gave this church one week of leadership in its campaign to raise \$16,000. More than \$13,600 has been raised with many people yet to be seen. So there seems to be the assurance of complete success. Rev. John Charles Mickle and Rev. Fred Stripp are pastors.

MODESTO—During October, nine persons were received by letter and two by confession. The church is now being used four afternoons a week by youth groups. Rev. Frank B. Iper has found in the Dads' Club of a nearby school an opportunity for reaching many people. A new Pilgrim Fellowship group has been launched. The neighborhood is building up very rapidly.

BERKELEY, FIRST—A new set of cathedral chimes has been added to the memorial organ. The chimes originally installed are being moved to the chapel organ. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, wishes his friends to be assured that he gave a "communion meditation" on October 7 and not a "communism meditation" as it was announced in a San Francisco paper.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—The new cooperative arrangement between Angels Camp and Murphys seems to be working well. The Pilgrim Fellowships of the two churches have joined, since all of the members attend the same high school. Mr. William L. Holladay, the pastor, is also including Sheep Ranch, Hathaway Pines, and Arnold within his parish.

SUNOL—Ten new members were received in October, bringing the total up to 69. The church voluntarily voted to increase its benevolence giving above the goal suggested by the OCWM Committee. Attendance at both church and church school is much greater than a year ago. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN—Ground has been broken for the new youth center and social hall being built on the vacant lot adjoining the church. It is expected to be finished by Christmas. Mrs. Z. P. Boudakian, who has been seriously ill, is steadily improving.

MARTINEZ—Two Thanksgiving services will be held, one on Thanksgiving Sunday and the other on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Stephen M. Jones has been welcomed as a youth assistant. He is attending Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

ALTURAS—It is necessary now for the church school to meet in two sections, some classes coming as early as 8:30 in the morning. Plans are under way for the development of a youth camp in the mountains of Modoc County. Rev. Rowland H. Dow is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Trustees of the church started a movement to raise \$25,000 for renovation of the church building. The gymnasium is in use each Saturday evening for servicemen, with at least 50 in attendance. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SURPRISE VALLEY—A party of representing the Conference Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life, on the invitation of Rev. C. C. Calmon, went to Modoc County two days of intensive work on Tuesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4. Those making the trip were W. Bayard Buckham, Mrs. Elmer Benedict, Mr. Richard F. Keil, Rev. Gifford M. Webster. Mr. Calmon had worked out plans for use of their time which would be difficult in putting over in community. One or another member of the team spoke in every one of every school in the valley. Public meetings were held in Fortwell, Eagleville, and Cedarville. A fully attended women's luncheon for women of the entire valley proved to be one of the finest occasions of two days. Team members spoke at the Cedarville Rotary Club. There was also a high school youth supper in which each member of the team made a number of personal contacts. Everyone of the quartet came away with the feeling that Mr. and Mrs. Calmon are held in high respect throughout the area. The Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life hopes to make at least one such visit each year.

HAYWARD—A new, attractively printed weekly bulletin has made its appearance. A new set of organ pipes is being installed in memory of Mrs. Lillie Powell, a longtime friend of the church, who passed on a year ago. A men's Bible class meets from 10 to 9:00 on Saturday mornings, and a Tuesday afternoon Bible class being conducted by Rev. Richard Norberg and Rev. Verne Robinson, pastors. A "Discoverers' Class" for high school freshmen has as its purpose a thorough study in the church, its history, purpose, and program. Thirty-three inactive members have been dropped, but their places have been taken by many new families.

SUISUN—The 75th anniversary celebrated on October 21 was truly a notable occasion. The sermon was preached by Rev. Ralph Hyslop, of Pacific School of Religion. The Solano Courier printed pictures of the original building, the present building, the house where the church was organized, and ministers and lay people attending the anniversary service. The records of the church show that on October 1, 1876, Superintendent J. H. Warren was present with the group of interested people. Rev. G. A. Larue, pastor. The church now boasts a new electric sign with automatic time clock.

SAN CARLOS—Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Batty suffered an automobile accident when starting for the Santa Clara Association meeting, which has resulted in both of them being conveyed to a hospital. The pulpit has been cared for by Miss Elizabeth Helz, director of Christian Education, Rev. Geoffrey Matthews of San Francisco, and Superintendent Gill. The church school makes a new enrollment every year. Last year it reached 900. In the first two Sundays of the new school year, 500 had enrolled.

AUBURN—Reports for the annual meeting were encouraging. Many improvements have been made on the church and parsonage, and the year was closed with all obligations met. There was a gain in membership. A new speaker for the organ had been provided. In the opinion of the minister, Rev. William F. Keeney, the most significant development of the year was the formation and the activities of a prayer group.

PALO ALTO—Twenty-eight new members came into the fellowship of the church on World Communion Sunday, the largest number at any one time since the coming of Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, the pastor. The Building Committee has submitted to the church membership a tentative statement outlining the needs and desires of each department of the church which, it is hoped, the new building can meet. A final draft will come after church members have added their suggestions and will be given to the architects, Mr. Bolton White and Mr. Jack Hermann, who have been chosen for the task of designing the new building. Mr. Wesley Hicks, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, is spending week-ends in Palo Alto organizing student work. There are over 300 Congregational preference students enrolled at Stanford this quarter.

SANTA ROSA—A long step was taken forward toward the realization of the dreams of the church in having a new building in a new area allocated to it near the Santa Rosa Junior College. Mr. Curtis Schumacher, of the Board of Home Missions, worked with the church for one week in a campaign for \$20,000. At the close of the campaign, \$16,000 had been pledged with enough people yet to see to make possible a reaching of the goal. Should a favorable offer be received for the old property, plans could be made looking toward the building of a new structure at a not distant date. Rev. William E. Welch is pastor.

MIRA VISTA—Thirty-five new pupils enrolled during the month of October, making a total enrollment of 152 with an average attendance of 112, this in spite of a polio scare. There are 54 enrolled in the kindergarten class alone. A canvass is going forward for church support which gives promise of complete success. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rickard, students at Pacific School of Religion, are helping in the church school and with the janitorial work. Ways and means are now being sought to supply a coat of gravel on the freshly graded site before the rains set in. Rev. Gifford M. Webster is pastor.

SAN MATEO—A tri-city religious census has been held with this church as a center of operations. Twenty-six new members were received on World Communion Sunday. On October 21, several departments of the church school moved into the new building, which greatly increases facilities for the strong educational program. The building was dedicated on the afternoon of November 11, Superintendent Harley H. Gill participating. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence Stoker are pastors.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The contract for the new unit of the church plant has been signed. Strange as it may seem, the advance estimates of the cost were remarkably accurate. In order to care for the Sunday School, duplicate classes are now being offered during both the eleven o'clock as well as the 9:30 services. With the help of some community organizations, a large parking lot will soon be ready for use across Arlington Avenue from the church. Rev. J. Hood Snively is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The former choir room is being changed to a new office with beautiful appointments. Rev. Williston Wirt, the pastor, records the services of worship to carry the spirit of the church to invalids and shut-ins.

LODI, FIRST—Rev. Ernest M. Fowler has been called as pastor of this church and expects to begin work early in December. Mr. Fowler comes from Fruitvale Church, Oakland, where he has served for several years. At the same time, he has been the religious editor of the Oakland Tribune. During the last World War, he was chaplain in the United States Navy. This church was host to the Central Association meeting. A number of members attended a retreat at Cazadero on October 6 and 7. Miss Helen F. Smith, of the Board of Home Missions, was guest speaker on Laymen's Sunday. The church bazaar was a great success, the young people serving a turkey dinner. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is interim pastor.

REDWOOD CITY—The 89th year of this church has begun auspiciously with the dedication of the new 3-acre site and an oversubscription of the fund for preliminary architectural drawings and the preparation of a brochure. A splendid sign has been erected on the site. A Planning Retreat was held at Mt. Hermon which produced many constructive suggestions for early action. The Women's Fellowship entertained the Fall Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women. It has established a church library and has served many dinners, including one for the newly organized Men's Club. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

HAYFORK—Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Pastor-at-Large Ralph V. Conard, and Rev. Walter Girdner, of Weaverville, visited Hayfork and met with all but one of the remaining members of the church. It had seemed impossible to maintain Congregational services in the face of the invasion of the community by several sect groups. The members of the church voted to deed the property to the Northern California Congregational Conference, subject to mortgages to the Congregational Building Society. The Conference has at once taken steps to find a purchaser.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S—The Sunday School enrollment is climbing each week and a splendid staff of teachers and officers has been enlisted. Special gifts for furnishings and equipment continue to come in, including an outside speaker for the organ. A Couples Club has been launched, with twelve couples and seven more who have promised. The church was host to the fall meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Northern California. Rev. Horst R. Jeschke is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY—Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor. The roof of the church has been repaired, and a new central heating system installed. New Pilgrim Hymnals have been purchased. The church office has been opened. The Sunday School now has four classes, for nursery, beginners, primary, and junior-age groups. On October 7 a new spinet model Hammond organ was dedicated. A Men's Fellowship has been organized.

PORT CHICAGO—Mr. Louis B. Gerhardt presented his resignation but was prevailed upon to continue as pastor, at least for the time being. Following a fellowship dinner held on November 4, the film, "A Wonderful Life," was shown.

CROCKETT—Continuing the arrangement of alternating pastors as between the denominations, Rev. Arthur C. Johnson, Presbyterian and student at San Anselmo, has been called as pastor of this church.

ANTIOCH—On two Sunday evenings, young people go all over town, pushing doorbells and inviting prospective members for a new Pilgrim Fellowship. At a Men's Club dinner, the speaker was Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, of the San Francisco Calvary Church, who spoke on "Islam and Christianity." With the assistance of Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, of San Jose, member of the Conference Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life, young couples of the church went out to invite others into full membership. A new nursery room has been provided by a beautiful job of remodeling and redecorating. Rev. Herbert Dimock, the pastor, has been preaching a series of sermons on "What Is Congregationalism?"

PORTERVILLE—The 60th anniversary was celebrated. Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt of Claremont, who organized the church, preached the sermon on November 11. Addresses by Rev. Harold S. Davidson, former pastor, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill featured the anniversary supper on November 14. Mrs. Bayard Buckham was the speaker at the annual women's Thank Offering meeting, and the largest offering ever received came in. That Porterville is in reality a comparatively new church is indicated by the fact that only 30% of the present members have been in the fellowship more than 20 years. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK—Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap has resigned as pastor in order to accept a call to a church in Lexington, Kentucky. He will leave California on November 19. He was the first and only pastor of this newly organized church. He came to us from Union Theological Seminary immediately upon his graduation. He has made many friends not only among the Negro people of Sacramento but in our fellowship at large and goes with our heartiest good wishes. The Oak Park Church has not yet had time to lay its plans.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM (OCEAN VIEW)—This church presented Dr. C. Harold Einecke, organist and choral conductor, in a recital on November 9. Two Thanksgiving services will be held, one on Thanksgiving Sunday and the other on Thanksgiving eve. The latter will be a Pilgrim supper followed by communion. Attendance in both church and Sunday School is greatly increased. Rev. Karl Olson, pastor, has been broadcasting a weekly commentary over KPFA (FM).

PLEASANT HILL, HILLCREST—The members and friends of this new church, in addition to liberal pledges for current expenses, have raised \$8,200 toward the cost of their building. The 7 homes in which church school is being held are overcrowded. The construction of the new building is progressing nicely and, it is hoped, will be completed by February. Rev. Robert L. Carlson, pastor, is the president of the Central Contra Costa County Ministerial Association.

OAKLAND, FIRST—Three hundred fifty people attended the annual indoor picnic. One of the young adult groups canvassed for the Community Chest during the hour normally set aside for meetings. Mrs. Gail Cleland was speaker for the Devotional Life service of the Women's League. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SOQUEL—Three choirs are in operation: adult choir, junior choir, and youth choir. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held on Thursday, November 15, 1951, at First Church, Oakland, at 10:30 a. m.

FALL MEETING AT REDWOOD CITY

When Mrs. Leonard Joesten, President of the Women's Fellowship of the host church, welcomed the Congregational Women of Northern California to her church and her city on Thursday, October 18, 1951, she said Redwood City is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary and the Congregational Church is the oldest church in the city.

The women were also greeted by Mrs. Bayard Buckham, their President, who presided and introduced the speakers. First of these was Mrs. Robert Sibley of Berkeley, who, with her husband, made a trip this last summer down the west coast of the Americas on a freighter. She is interested in the work of the YWCA and Mr. Sibley in education on the university level. She told a story which brought out the fact that you find what you are looking for. Her theme was "High Road to Hope." They went to South America to learn all they could about the country and to find elements of hope in the life of the people. She found much of both and tremendous beauty and fine people besides. South America has many countries with many different peoples, including Indians, Negroes, Portuguese, Germans, Japanese, as well as Spaniards.

Each city has its own statue of the Christ or of the Virgin or a cross. Instead of asking how you like their city, the inhabitants ask, "Do you have a view of the Christ?" Among the hopeful elements she found the fine work done by the Y's and the universities, the alertness and eagerness to learn on the part of the students, the conscientious efforts of many officials to help their people, and the splendid progress being made under the Point Four program. There are 24 projects under this plan already being carried out.

Some of Mrs. Sibley's conclusions were that we need to support exchange students and do all we can for them, since they do much to lift their own people. We should seek to create good will with the South Americans in every possible way and be kind in our judgments of them.

Another guest speaker was Miss Helen Frances Smith of New York, National Friendly Service Secretary for our Congregational fellowship. She was happy to have an opportunity to say thank you to so many women on behalf of the many institutions and people where our Friendly Service gifts have gone throughout the years. She asked especially that we learn something about the institutions to which we send gifts, whether it be Grant's Hospital in New Mexico, where a seventy-year-old registered nurse from Southern California has volunteered her services for a year in order to keep the hospital open and who sells the used clothing sent to her to help buy medical supplies; or whether it is Tougaloo or Talladega College where we send sheets or bedside rugs. Perhaps it was a layette you sent to go to a Home Missionary pastor's wife who was to have a new baby. No matter where the things go, they bring a sense of fellowship because there are Christian women who care. She asked that we have a dedication

service before sending the gifts out, enriching our own lives as those who receive.

During the lunch period, James Price, Jr., brought a message in behalf of the Christian Youth of America who are now being prepared so that in February, 1952, they will be ready to answer "The Call to United Youth Action." One million young people are expected to pledge themselves to Christian service. Jim is a student at Stanford, but he is also on the Executive Board of the United Christian Youth Movement and heads up the Northern California section of it.

The afternoon session speakers brought to our attention again, but from a different angle, the problems of the migrants and their children. Mrs. Theodore Schmidt, sister of our own Mrs. Buckham, is the principal of a school down on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. She has spoken before Governor Warren's committee studying the migrant problem in the Merced area and attended the Little White House Conference in Sacramento and the President's White House Conference in Washington, D. C. She spoke from her own experience with the children themselves and how happy they are to get back to her school because they feel they are wanted. The local communities are doing the best they can but they need help from the state, especially in the schools. There needs to be an interstate arrangement, too, so that age limits for child laborers will be equalized. More psychiatric and counseling help on the state basis are also needed. They, the children and their parents, need help. They "can't do it alone."

Rev. George Lindsay, Youth Activity Director for the Conference, told of a work camp at Alviso this summer in which Congregational young people participated and then introduced Helen Alexander of Antioch, State PF President, who told from her own personal experience of the work carried on in the area of their Alviso work camp. A special write-up by Mary Coxhead of this work camp appeared a few weeks ago in the Sunday Chronicle.

Mrs. Langford Currie sang a beautiful solo in the morning, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple," and Mrs. Harry Butler was the soloist during the afternoon session, singing "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains." Mrs. Philip Bray was the organist.

The Rev. Gale Engle, pastor of the host church, brought the very fine meeting to a close with a brief but appropriate worship service.

CAZADERO '51 REPORT

Final figures are in of the attendance at Cazadero during the past summer at the several camps:

High School area camps	324
Junior High camps	158
Family camps — families	44
Junior camp	70
State P. F. camp	107
Student Fellowship camp	34
Ministers' Retreat and Planning Conference	48
Junior Red Cross camp	68
Total	853
Not including staff and faculty.	

A Day In Trinity

The churches of Humboldt and Trinity Counties, feeling a sense of isolation and the need for fellowship, decided to do something about it. During one day in the week of Teachers' Institute, the Eureka Church chartered a bus for 30 or more people to make the trip across the mountains to Weaverville. Others from Eureka and from Lodi came by private automobile. Some folks from the Willow Creek Community Church joined in. The Weaverville people were ready for them. There was delay in the arrival of the bus due to breakdown; but finally, all arrived safe and sound, and a delicious dinner was served.

Coming from another direction was an automobile with Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake, Pastor-at-Large Ralph V. Conard, and Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill. Mrs. Blake spoke twice on her very interesting field of work in Turkey. Rev. James P. Senter was in charge of a gathering of the young people. Rev. Ralph V. Conard spoke on his work as pastor-at-large, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave an address on "Making the Church Mean More." It was unanimously agreed that a similar meeting be held in Eureka a year hence. A suggestion was made that the time may be at hand when the churches of Humboldt, Trinity, and Modoc Counties should disassociate themselves from the Redwood Empire and Sacramento Valley Associations and create a new Association across the northern end of the State. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner and their people proved to be excellent hosts, and many were the words of appreciation of their work in Trinity County that came to the ears of the editor of Pacific.

FAIRFAX—At long last two Associations have acted, permitting this church to be a member of the Redwood Empire Association after a final decree of separation from the Bay Association. It has seemed easier for Pilgrim Fellowship groups and women's organizations to keep in touch with the Redwood Empire people than to cross the Bay either to San Francisco or Alameda County. Rev. James W. Montgomery is pastor.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans broadcasts each Friday evening at seven over Station KAFP under the name of "Herb Adds Spice." Mr. Gans is a member of the Southwest Panel to aid in the study of Free Church Polity and Unity. Mr. Gans assisted as a solicitor in the building fund campaign at Santa Rosa.

EUREKA — Contracts have been signed for the painting of the outside of the church building. This is a task of gigantic proportions. The parsonage has been painted and new shades installed. This church has 4 choirs. The Sunday School has moved ahead in the organizing of some of the choirs made possible since Mrs. J. P. Senter, wife of the minister, has become Director of Christian Education. Eight new members were received on World Communion Sunday.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Twenty new members were received on World Communion Sunday. Dr. Frank Labach is to speak at this church on Friday, November 23. All are invited. In a School of Christian Mission during November held weekly on Wednesday evenings, addresses are being given by Rev. David Stowe, Rev. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, and Rev. Loutfy Levonian. Rev. Philip Murra is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDENT — A beginning has been made of a radio program for each Sunday night at 9:00 over Station KSAN, the purpose being to apply the standard of New Testament ethics to the news of the day. Three Sunday night discussion groups for adults are being held, one on Theology by the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Moon, one on Social Ethics, and another in the study of the Bible.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — The big event in October was the campaign for building fund and debt retirement led by Mr. Curtis Schumacher of our Building Society. To date \$35,000 has been subscribed toward the \$50,000 goal with still a good many people to see. Twenty-five new members were received into the church on World Communion Sunday. Rev. William E. McCormack and Rev. Joseph D. Redinger are pastors.

LOOMIS—The Pilgrim Fellowship of this church had a booth at the district fair at Auburn. Sunday School papers and religious education material were displayed and distributed. The new movie projector was kept busy, and a showing was given of "A Wonderful Life" in the evenings. The various organizations of the Loomis Church are now committed to giving 10% of their incomes to benevolences. Rev. Hendrik Martynse is pastor.

SAN LORENZO — Twenty-four new members were added to the rolls 13 of them by confession. Twenty-four thousand square feet of roadway and parking area have been surfaced. The Sunday School enrollment is now 796 with an average attendance of 488. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is the pastor.

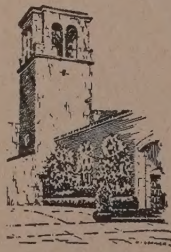
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